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REMARKS

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1.                      a locomotive engineer who, along with two other locomotive crews, was detached to Horka about 25 June 1953 for the hauling of construction materials that a Soviet airfield was being built in a wooded area between Horka and Rothenburg.
2. Source learned that the previous construction supervisor at Bremenham airfield fled to the West in June 1953. He was replaced by one Schuetze (fnu) whose deputy was one Scheele (fnu). About 20 July, approximately 400 workers and 200 forced laborers were employed on construction work at the installation. Many of these workers were experienced in concreting work and had come from Welzow, where, according to their statements, work on the runway was completed.
3. The concrete mixing plant at the field had been in operation since 1 July. The plant consisted of seven cement storage bins and seven concrete mixers. Tipplers were loaded with stone chippings, gravel and cement in the ratio prescribed, and the finished concrete mixture was taken by special trucks to the runway. Every five minutes, one of these trucks, of which 18 were available, left the concrete mixing plant. The runway had been dug out to a width of 80 meters from trigonometrical point 159.4 southeast of Bremenham to as far as point 157.0 on Highway No 99 between Lodenau and Bremenham. Excavation work extending over a length of 100 to 150 meters was observed north of this highway. At the intersection of the highway and the runway, trees along the highway had been cut for a stretch of about 200 meters. At the southern end of the runway, an experimental concrete strip 80 x 8 meters had been completed. Adjacent to this strip, an area 80 meters square had also been completed. The two concreted areas were 25 to 30 cm thick. The concreting work was continuously being supervised by a Soviet major.
4. About early July, 14 fuel containers arrived by rail at the field. They were to be installed at the field. However, they were picked up later and then shipped away. After 22 June there were about 20 carloads of stone chippings and 15 carloads of cement daily observed to arrive at the installation.

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5. The spur track built from the Lodman railroad station to the main gate of the field near Boes was put into operation as a shunting track. Another short track was built for unloading purposes between the cement track and the main line. The track was provided with a side loading ramp.

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[REDACTED] Comment. The information furnished by source of paragraph 5 of the present report indicates the location, width and thickness of the runway at Bremerhain airfield. It is believed that the runway will be 2,000 meters long. [REDACTED]

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